

As additional conferees from the Committee on Commerce, for consideration of the House bill, and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives Bliley, Oxley, Cox of California, and Wyden.

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Rejected the Conyers motion to instruct House conferees not to agree to any provision that would limit the total damages recoverable for injuries by aged individuals, women, or children to an amount less than that recoverable by other plaintiffs with substantially similar injuries (rejected by a yea-and-nay vote of 190 yeas to 221 nays, Roll No. 777).

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Temporary Public Debt Limit Increase: By a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 194 nays, Roll No. 781, the House passed H.R. 2586, to provide for a temporary increase in public debt limit.

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By a yea-and-nay vote of 186 yeas to 235 nays, Roll No. 780, rejected the Payne of Virginia motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to strike out all after the enacting clause and report the bill back forthwith containing an amendment in the nature of a substitute that would temporarily increase the public debt limit to \$4,967,000,000,000.

Pages H12062–64

By a yea-and-nay vote of 257 yeas to 165 nays, Roll No. 779, agreed to the Walker amendment that requires all Federal agencies to conduct regulatory impact assessments and cost benefit analysis on most proposed regulations that have an economic impact of more than \$50 million; requires agencies to review all reasonable alternatives to a proposed rule and in most cases select the least costly option; requires specified Federal agencies to prepare detailed analyses of the costs and benefits provided by the rule relating to risk reduction; provides that Congress can block most new regulations within 60 days of their issuance; and contains language regarding judicial review of new rules and regulations.

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H. Res. 258, the rule under which the bill was considered, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 778.

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Meeting Hour: House agreed to meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, November 10.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

Federal Labor Relations Authority: Message wherein he transmits the sixteenth annual report of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for fiscal year 1994—referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight;

National Corporation for Housing Partnerships: Message wherein he transmits the annual report of the

National Housing Partnership for fiscal years 1993 and 1994—referred to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services; and

Commodity Credit Corporation: Message wherein he transmits the report of the Commodity Credit Corporation for fiscal year 1993—referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H11982–83, H11988–89, H12006, H12061–62, H12063–64, and H12064. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

U.S. HOUSING ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported amended H.R. 2406, United States Housing Act of 1995.

SUPERFUND REFORM

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2500, Reform of Superfund Act of 1995.

ENERGY CONSERVATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on the Energy Policy Conservation Act Reauthorization of 1995. Testimony was heard from Kyle Simpson, Associate Deputy Secretary, Energy Programs, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint oversight hearing on the Implementation and Enforcement of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. Testimony was heard from Mary Nichols, Assistant Administrator, Air and Radiation, EPA; R. B. Marquez, Commissioner, Natural Resource Conservation Commission, State of Texas; Dennis Drake, Chief, Air Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Michigan; and public witnesses.

OLDER AMERICANS AMENDMENTS

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families began markup of H.R. 2570, Older Americans Amendments of 1995.

Will continue November 16.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held an oversight hearing on HUD Tenant Empowerment Funds. Testimony was heard from Susan Gaffney, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARDS IRAN

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on United States Policy Towards Iran. Testimony was heard from Peter Tarnoff, Under Secretary, Political Affairs, Department of State; Bruce Reidel, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Near East and South Asia, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

COUNTDOWN TO OSAKA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Economic Policy and Trade held a joint hearing on Countdown to Osaka: Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation or Confrontation. Testimony was heard from Joan E. Spero, Under Secretary, Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

SATELLITE HOME VIEWER ACT— TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 1861, to make technical corrections in the Satellite Home Viewer Act of 1994 and other provisions of title 17, United States Code. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

SURFACE MINING CONTROL AND RECLAMATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 2372, Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Robert J. Uram, Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

ICC TERMINATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2539, ICC Termination Act of 1995. The rule waives section 302(f) (prohibiting consideration of legislation providing new entitlement authority in excess of a committee's allocation), and section 308(a) (requiring a CBO cost estimate in the committee report on legis-

lation containing new entitlement, spending, or budget authority, or a change in revenues) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 against consideration of the bill.

The rule makes in order the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure amendment in the nature of a substitute as an original bill for amendment purposes. The substitute shall be considered by title rather than by section, and shall be considered as read. The rule waives 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act and clause 5(a) of rule XXI (prohibiting appropriations in a legislative bill) against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

The rule provides for the consideration of a manager's amendment to be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD of November 13, 1995, which is considered as read, not subject to amendment or to a division of the question, and is debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between the proponent and an opponent. If adopted, the amendment is considered as part of the base text for further amendment purposes.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Shuster and Representatives Petri, Molinari, Oberstar, and Wise.

WAIVING TWO-THIRDS VOTE FOR SAME DAY CONSIDERATION

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 4(b) of rule XI (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Committee on Rules) against the same-day consideration of resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules on or before the legislative day of November 13, 1995, for the consideration or disposition of: (1) any measure making further continuing appropriations; (2) any measure including provisions increasing or waiving the public debt limit; and for the consideration or disposition of any amendment, conference report, or amendment reported in disagreement from a conference on such measures. The rule clarifies that the provisions of the rule do not apply to any reconciliation measures.

TEMPORARY DEBT LIMIT INCREASE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing for one hour of debate in the House, without intervening point of order, a motion by the Majority Leader or his designee to dispose of any Senate amendments to H.R. 2586, to provide for a temporary increase in the public debt limit. The rule further provides that the previous question is ordered

to adoption of the motion without intervening motion or demand for a division of the question unless the demand is made by the Majority Leader or his designee.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing for one hour of debate in the House, without intervening point of order, H.J. Res. 115, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 1996, with the Senate amendments thereto, and a motion by the Majority Leader or his designee to dispose of the Senate amendments to the joint resolution. The rule further provides that the previous question is ordered to adoption of the motion without intervening motion or demand for a division of the question unless the demand is made by the Majority Leader or his designee.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Basic Research held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 884, authorizing appropriations for a retirement incentive for certain employees of National Laboratories; and H.R. 2301, to designate an enclosed area of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee as the "Marilyn Lloyd Environmental, Life, and Social Sciences Complex." Testimony was heard from Representative Richardson; Robert R. Nordhaus, General Counsel, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAM IN TRANSITION

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics concluded hearings on the Space Shuttle Program in Transition: Keeping Safety Paramount, Part 2. Testimony was heard from J. Wayne Littles, Associate Administrator, Human Spaceflight, NASA.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

FAA'S EXPANDED EAST COAST PLAN

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Federal Aviation Administration's Expanded East Coast Plan.

Testimony was heard from Representatives Franks of New Jersey, Zimmer, Saxton, Frelinghuysen, Torricelli, Lowey, Molinari, Pallone, and Payne of New Jersey; David Hinson, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation; Alfred J. Graser, General Manager, Aviation Technical Services Division, Aviation Department, Port Authority of New York/New Jersey; and public witnesses.

IRAQ BRIEFING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on Iraq. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Conferees met in closed session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

CROATIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission met to receive a briefing to assess the October 29 elections and the longer-term prospects for democratic development in Croatia and Croatia's role in promoting regional stability from Ivo Banac, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut; and Susan J. Atwood, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, Robert A. Hand, and Samuel G. Wise, all of Washington, D.C.

Commission will meet again on Friday, November 17.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1995

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.